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Fig. 1a is a top view of one embodiment of my new nut assembly.

Fig. 1b is a sectional view of my new nut assembly taken along lines 1b of Fig. 1a.

Fig. 2a is a top view of a rotationally locked nut of another embodiment of my new nut assembly

Fig. 2b is a sectional view of my other embodiment of my new nut assembly taken along lines 2b of Fig. 2a.

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on Pg. 5 line 2.

1 provided with an internal bore having threads 10 that would typically engage threads of a bolt. However, in the instant invention, a cylindrical sleeve-like member 2 is provided within nut 1, member 2 having external threads 12 that threadably engage internal threads 10 of nut 1. Member 2 is also provided with an internal bore provided with threads 14 adapted for threaded engagement with a bolt or other similar fastener. Threads 10, 12 and 14 are all cut in the same direction such that rotation direction of a bolt within the sleeve and rotation direction of the sleeve within the nut for advancement/retraction of the bolt/sleeve is the same direction. In other words, where a bolt is rotated clockwise to advance it into the sleeve, clockwise rotation of the sleeve will advance the sleeve into the nut. A temporary locking compound 3 (Fig. 1b) may be provided between threads 10 and 12 in order to conveniently and temporarily lock the sleeve and nut together, as will be explained. Alternately, a mechanical clip or other device may be used to lock the sleeve and nut together. Such a clip may also provide a selected amount of tension between the sleeve and nut so that a predetermined amount of torque must be applied to the nut to effect relative rotation between the sleeve and nut. In another embodiment, the sleeve may be constructed slightly out-of-round or with other resistance against turning within the nut. This ensures that the sleeve will be tightened against the thread/shank interface of the bolt or other threaded member, with further rotation of the nut abutting a one of fastened members. Such a construction would also serve as a locking mechanism to lock the nut

assembly and bolt or other threaded article together.

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Figs. 2a and 2b shows a particularly configured nut 1a having a flange 16 in turn provided with an opening 18. As in the embodiments of Figs. 1a and 1b, a sleeve 2 having exterior threads 12 and interior threads 14 is threaded into threads 10a of nut 1a. In this embodiment, a rivet or other fastener 18 may be passed through opening 20 in order to clamp nut 1a coaxial to an opening 22 in a member 24. Such an arrangement would be used where a nut would otherwise be installed in an inaccessible location.

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In Applicant's invention, as the nut/sleeve combination as shown in Figs. 1a and 1b is rotated about the threaded portion 30 of bolt 26, sleeve 2 initially makes contact with the thread/shank interface and is blocked from further rotation and advancement onto bolt 26. At that point, further application of rotational force to the nut causes sleeve 2 to break free from the temporary locking compound 3, allowing the nut to rotate about the exterior threads 12 of sleeve 2 and advance beyond the thread/shank interface 40 of bolt 26. Upon contact with member 38, nut 1 may then be tightened to a specified torque, securing members 36 and 38 together.

While a specific embodiment is shown and described, it is to be understood that incidental changes may be made without departing from the scope of the invention. For instance, while sleeve 2 is shown as being generally shorter than the height of nut 1, a sleeve 2a, as shown in Fig. 4, could be the same height as the bore in the nut or greater so that a portion of the sleeve may extend beyond nut 1. In this instance, a second nut 2b (dashed lines) may be threaded on bolt 26 and secured against the extending end of sleeve 2a, firmly locking the entire assembly together and eliminating need for locking washers. Likewise, a nut 2c (dashed lines) may be threaded onto the extending portion of sleeve 2a to bear against nut 1, locking the assembly together. Either nut 2b or 2c could be used alone, or may be used together for additional locking strength.